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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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**Re: AB 2299 (Bloom) – Land Use: Housing: Second Units
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully requests your signature on AB 2299 by Assembly Member Richard Bloom. This measure would create new standards for the permitting of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in order to incentivize the development of additional housing options in the State of California.

CSAC understands that safe, clean and decent housing that is affordable to all income levels is essential to the health, safety and prosperity of all Californians and that the state is reaching a crisis point regarding both the availability of housing and its affordability. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, housing prices in California continue to far exceed prices in the rest of the country. The average price of a home in the state is two-and-a-half times the average national price and rents are fifty percent higher than the rest of the country.

ADUs present an opportunity to provide a much-needed increase in housing supply that will put downward pressure on rents. AB 2299 will aid in meeting the collective goal of increasing the availability of housing affordable to all income levels by making it easier for residents to obtain permits for the development of ADUs. CSAC supports AB 2299 because it balances the statewide need to promote the development of additional housing by streamlining the development process with the preservation of local government land use authority.

It is for these reasons that CSAC respectfully requests your signature on AB 2299. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at kvalentine@counties.org or 916-327-7500 ext. 566.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kiana L. Valentine".

Kiana Valentine
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Richard Bloom, California State Assembly
Graciela Castillo-Krings, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office